

I also request the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fifth.

George W. Bush

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**Message on the Observance of
National Missing Children's Day**
May 25, 2001

I am pleased to send greetings to all those commemorating National Missing Children's Day on May 25. This observance provides an opportunity to honor hard-working and dedicated law enforcement officers, celebrate the recovery of missing children, and draw attention to children who are still missing.

As we remember the children we have lost on National Missing Children's Day, we renew our resolve and dedication to reuniting families with their loved ones. I commend local, state, and Federal law enforcement personnel for the important role they play in missing or exploited children investigations and searches. Across America, partnerships between local law enforcement officers and community groups are helping to protect our children so that they can be nurtured in love and live rich, full lives.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children deserves special recognition for its work to reunite children with their families. Since 1984, the center has received more than 1.5 million hotline calls, provided assistance in the recovery of more than 55,000 children, and distributed millions of publications regarding missing and exploited children. These efforts make a difference in the lives of countless individuals, and I salute you.

Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion.

George W. Bush

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting a Report on Achieving
Benchmarks for a Sustainable Peace
Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
May 25, 2001

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the Levin Amendment to the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (section 7(b) of Public Law 105-174) and section 1203(a) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I transmit herewith a report on progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In July 2000, the fourth semiannual report was sent to the Congress detailing progress towards achieving the ten benchmarks that were adopted by the Peace Implementation Council and the North Atlantic Council in order to evaluate implementation of the Dayton Accords. This fifth report, which also includes supplemental reporting as required by section 1203(a) of Public Law 105-261, provides an updated assessment of progress on the benchmarks covering the period July 1, 2000, to February 28, 2001.

George W. Bush

The White House,
May 25, 2001.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 20

In the morning, the President traveled to Notre Dame, IN, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 21

In the morning, the President traveled to New Haven, CT, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Price to be Ambassador to Maritius.

May 22

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and King Abdullah of Jordan to discuss the Mitchell report and the situation in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President met with Senator James M. Jeffords in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Wendy J. Chamberlin to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles Blahous III, as Executive Director of the President's Commission To Strengthen Social Security.

May 23

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to discuss the Mitchell report and the situation in the Middle East. Later, the President met with the Dalai Lama in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Goodman Brinker to be Ambassador to Hungary.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas Alan Hartwick to be Ambassador to Laos.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alberto Jose Mora to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Everet Beckner to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Hubbard to be Ambassador to South Korea.

May 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert E. Smith to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Montelongo to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven John Morello, Sr., to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Edward Rogan to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa at the White House for a working visit on June 26.

May 25

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico to express condolences over the deaths of 14 Mexicans in the Arizona desert earlier in the week. Later, the President traveled to Annapolis, MD.

In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC, and later, he went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas P. Christie to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis P. Coleman to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lyons Brown Jr., to be Ambassador to Austria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel Charles Kurtzer to be Ambassador to Israel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arthur F. Rosenfeld to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation: William Dodd Powers, Cesar Benito

Cabrera, David James Gribbin III, Catherine Lynn Stepp, and Michelle Engler.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 21

Sharon Prost,
of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, vice S. Jay Plager, retired.

Submitted May 22

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.,
of Texas, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2005, vice Jackie M. Clegg, term expired.

Wendy Jean Chamberlin,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

William S. Farish,
of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Janet Hale,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice John Joseph Callahan, resigned.

Neal A. McCaleb,
of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vice Kevin Gover.

Donald E. Powell,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation for a term of 6 years, vice Donna Tanoue, term expired.

Donald E. Powell,
of Texas, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of 5 years, vice Donna Tanoue.

Thomas L. Sansonetti,
of Wyoming, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Lois Jane Schiffer, resigned.

Lavenski R. Smith,
of Arkansas, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice Richard S. Arnold, retired.

Francis Xavier Taylor,
of Maryland, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, vice Michael A. Sheehan.

Submitted May 23

Robert D. Blackwill,
of Kansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India.

J. Robert Flores,
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, vice Sheldon C. Bilchik.

Anthony Horace Gioia,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malta.

William Gerry Myers III,
of Idaho, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, vice John D. Leshy, resigned.

Ronald Rosenfeld,
of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, vice Kevin G. Chavers, resigned.

William J. Riley,
of Nebraska, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice Clarence A. Beam, retired.